merriments that passed in Eyre's house, his coming to be Lord Maxor of London, Lacy's getting his love, and other accidents, with two merry three-men's-songs

12th August THE DEFENCE FORCE

To-day, being Sunday, the Lord Admiral and the other great officers of the field came in great bravery to Paul's Cross aad dined with the Lord Mayor The alarm is now very hot that the Spaniards are at Brest

Of many rumours at this time one is that the cause of all this mustering is not because of Spaniards but that the Queen is dangerous sick or dead

i&ib August A LAMENTABLE DEFEAT IN IRELAND

News is come from Ireland of a lamentable defeat at Carlow and of the death of Sir Conyers Clifford and Sir Alexander Ratcliffe. Mistress Ratdiffe as yet hears nothing of her brother's death, by the Queen's command it is kept from her, for the Queen is determined to break it unto her herself It is said at Court that Sir Conyers was a brave executioner of orders but no good director , also that my Lord of Essex hath done little or nothing

22nd August. THE MUSTERS

Seeing the trouble that it would be to them of the City, the most of the soldiers being artificers, to muster them to-morrow, which is St Bartholemew Eve, the mustering is forborne

Horse and foot are now being despatched away with as much speed as is possible to save her Majesty's pay, but with charge to be always ready at one hour's warning.

AN ORBER CONCERNING PRICES

The Earl of Nottingham, being Captain General of all forces at this time, hath set out an order concerning the prices to be charged during the abode of the forces in and

about London, and warning also all victuallers or others not to withhold or hide grain or other victuals from the markets on pain of imprisonment and fine Certain of the pnces ordained be these:

A full quart of the best ale or beer - id,
A quarter of best wheat - - - - jos